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*Paul/Stan: source line
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COUNTRY: Burma
SUBJ: BBC Burmese service Reports Aung Gyi 25 Aug Speech

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aung gyi to address rally

SOURCE: London BBC in Burmese to Burma 1410 GMT 25 Aug 88
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TEXT:

Excerpt: Brigadier General Aung Gyi, a leading opponent of the government, in a speech delivered a few minutes ago before a mass rally in Rangoon, has called for the immediate resignation of the new leaders of the present government and the handover of power to a government composed of neutral persons. A dispatch from Christopher Gunness says:

Brig Gen Aung Gyi spoke for 15 minutes at Sanchaung Stadium before 50,000 people in a heavy downpour. Brig Gen Aung Gyi in his speech rejected the plan by party Chairman Dr Maung Maung to call a party congress on 12 September to submit and decide on proposals on democracy. He called on Chairman Maung Maung to resign to make way for an interim government. U Aung Gyi, however, did not mention who should be included in and lead the interim government. He also did not say that he would lead the interim government.

Brig Gen Aung Gyi also called for more cooperation between the people and the armed forces to deal with problems which might have emerged during the period of unrest in recent weeks. Brig Gen Aung Gyi also said the people would have to show more discipline if they want to build democracy in Burma.

Brig Gen Aung Gyi was the sole speaker at the mass rally.

minutes after they had heard the speech at the rally, the people marched into the streets and called for the resignation of the current leadership and the immediate formation of an interim government.

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